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To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Emily McCoy, Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

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RE: Final Posting: Amended DWC Form-150, *Notice of Representation*; DWC Form-151, *Attorney Application For Web Access*; DWC Form-152, *Application for Attorney Fees*; and new DWC Form-150a, *Notice of Withdrawal of Representation*.

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) has finalized revisions to amended DWC Form-150, *Notice of Representation*; DWC Form-151, *Attorney Application For Web Access*; and DWC Form-152, *Application for Attorney Fees*; as well as new DWC Form-150a, *Notice of Withdrawal of Representation*.

The revisions to DWC Form-150 split the notice of representation and notice of withdrawal of representation into two separate forms, creating the DWC Form-150a. The new DWC Form-150a is provided as a means of compliance with the requirements of new 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §152.6, regarding attorney withdrawal. The revisions to the DWC Form-151 are non-substantive in nature and primarily amend the form for clarity and to conform to current agency style. The DWC Form-152 is amended to mirror the requirements of new 28 TAC §152.3, regarding approval or denial of fee by the division, and ensure TDI-DWC is receiving the necessary information to fulfill its statutory duty to approve attorney fees in the workers' compensation system.

Informal drafts of the forms were posted on the TDI-DWC website on August 17, 2016, with an informal comment period ending September 19, 2016.

The finalized forms are available on the TDI-DWC website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/forms/form20numeric.html>, and are effective January 30, 2017. Attorneys should use the updated forms beginning January 30, 2017, to ensure compliance with the new rules. Additionally, attorneys should note that applications for attorney fees submitted on previous versions of the DWC Form-152 may not be accepted by the division.

TDI-DWC is posting the finalized forms simultaneously with the adopted repeal and re-enactment of 28 TAC §152.3 and §152.4, as well as new §152.6. Additional information about the adopted rules is available on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/2016rules.html>.